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JENKINS

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SUMMARY: BRITISH (CHAIRMAN) POLAD RECEIVED SOVIET PROTEST
ON APRIL 14 CONCERNING EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT JENKINS'
BERLIN VISIT. THIS WAS REJECTED ON GROUNDS THAT QA DID NOT
STATE THAT BERLIN COULD NOT BE A PART OF EC AND THAT THERE WAS
THEREFORE NO VALID OBJECTION TO JENKINS' VISIT. END SUMMARY

1. SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY TYUTYUNOV CALLED ON
(CHAIRMAN) BRITISH POLAD GLADSTONE MORNING OF APRIL 14
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AND DELIVERED FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF SOVIET
AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV. BEGIN TEXT:

WE WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT
THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE EEC, R.
JENKINS, WHO ARRIVED ON THE 13 OF APRIL IN WEST
BERLIN, AS WE LEARNED, MADE A SPEECH CONTAINING STATEMENTS
OF A PRESUMPTUOUS POLITICAL NATURE, THE BURDEN OF WHICH

IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO THE MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT OF SEPT 9, 1971. WEST BERLIN, HAVE A SPECIAL POLITICAL STATUS, WAS NOT AND CANNOT BE PART OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. WITH THIS CONSIDERATION IN MIND, IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE HEAD OF THE EEC COMMISSION IN WEST BERLIN, WHERE HE HAS INDEED NO PLACE FOR SPEECHES, HAD THE CHARACTER OF A TRULY POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION. WE EXPECT THAT THE 3 POWERS EXERCISING SUPREME POWER IN THE CITY WILL TAKE MEASURES TO SEE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT ARE STRICTLY OBSERVED BY ALL WESTERN REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING OFFICIALS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AUTHORITIES. END TEXT. (TRANSLATION SUPPLIED BY BRITIST INTRA-BERLIN MESSAGE.)

2. GLADSTONE FURTHER INFORMS US THAT TYUTYUNOV DID NOT AT FIRST INTEND TO LEAVE COPY OF THIS NON-PAPER BUT WAS ULTIMATELY PREVAILED UPON TO DO SO. THE WORD TRANSLATED AS "PRESUMPTUOUS" ABOVE WAS "ANMASSEND" IN GERMAN.

3. GLADSTONE REPLIED, THAT AS THE SOVIETS WELL KNEW, THE ALLIES COULD NOT ACCEPT SOVIETS VIEWS ABOUT A SPECIAL STATUS FOR WEST BERLIN; NO SUCH STATUS WAS RECOGNIZED IN THE QA NOR WAS IT STATED DIRECTLY THAT BERLIN COULD NOT BE A PART OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES. ALLIED VIEW WAS THAT BERLIN WAS INDEED A PART OF EC AND THUS IT WAS PERFECTLY PROPER FOR JENKINS TO VISIT
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WEST BERLIN. GLADSTONE NOTED THAT HE HAD HEARD JENKINS' SPEECH AT BERLIN INDUSTRIE UND HANDELSKAMMER ON APRIL 13; SPEECH HAD CONTAINED NOTHING REMOTELY IMPORPER. ALLIES COULD NOT THEREFORE ACCEPT THAT SPEECH HAD THE CHARACTER OF A POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION. GLADSTONE ADDED THAT IT WENT WITHOUT SAYING THAT ALLIES WOULD IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST INSURE FULLY OBSERVANCE OF QA BY ALL INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS, EAST AND WEST.

4. TYUTYUNOV WENT ON TO MAINTAIN THAT THE REAL SOVIET COMPLAINT WAS THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION, WHO WAS TOTALLY INCOMPETENT IN THESE MATTERS, WAS TRYING TO TEACH THE RUSSIANS HOW TO INTERPRET THE QA. WHEN GLADSTONE SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THEY WERE OBJECTING TO THE VISIT ITSELF OR TO MR. JENKINS' STATEMENTS, TYUTYUNOV SAID THAT THEY DID NOT LIKE EITHER BUT THAT GLADSTONE COULD DRAW HIS OWN CONCLUSIONS FROM THE FACT THAT THE RUSSIANS HAD KNOWN FOR WEEKS THAT JENKINS WOULD BE PAYING THIS VISIT, YET THEY HAD WAITED UNTIL NOW TO PROTEST. TYUTYUNOV REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS ATTRIBUTING TO THE SENATE SPOKESMAN VARIOUS REMARKS SAID TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY MR. JENKINS IN THE

COURSE OF HIS VISIT. GLADSTONE AGREED TO PASS
STATEMENT TO OTHER ALLIES BUT DID NOT PROMISE A
REPLY.

5. SEPTTEL FOLLOWS CONCERNING ADDITIONAL PRESS COVERAGE
OF JENKINS' VISIT INCLUDING APRIL 14 PRESS CONFERENCE.

6. IN MISSION VIEW, GLADSTONE ADEQUATELY RESPONDED TO
PROTEST SO THAT NO FURTHER RESPONSE SEEMS REQUIRED. GEORGE

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